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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Bangkok Bureau - June 1981

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Bureau implementation of the MIDAS format went remarkably well considering the relatively short leadtime prior to the 21 June target date. Although not without minor aberrations, conversion to the new format had no adverse impact on monitorial, editorial or wireroom production. Bureau Engineer [ ] rigged up a special Extel printer to facilitate the review of editorial/monitorial compliance with capitalization under the new "pinkie code" requirements. (see Engineering Attachment)

2. As announced, the clandestine Voice of the Malayan Revolution ceased operations with its 30 June broadcast. VOMR's apparent replacement, the Voice of Malayan Democracy, was heard on 1 July broadcasting on two frequencies. Antenna bearings and initial observations indicate the new radio is located south of Bangkok near the Thai-Malaysian border.

3. High-level U.S. Government interest in the area's clandestine radios was amply demonstrated by a 19 June immediate NIACT query requesting information on "targeted programs emanating from the People's Republic of China" from Secretary of State Alexander Haig's party at the Manila ASEAN Foreign Ministers Conference. The Bureau quickly responded by providing detailed information on up-to-date VOPM, VOMR, VODK and VOPB broadcasts.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The bureau welcomed the visit of [ ] and PMCD officer [ ] and the opportunity to explain and illustrate the serious future

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problems facing the bureau with the implementation of the Interagency Wage and Position Classification System. In addition to discussions with the chief and deputy chief, a mutually informative meeting was held between the visitors and six representatives of the foreign national employees. The visitors also received a full tour of Shell House and Bang Ping operations and met privately with Embassy Personnel Officer Mary Keck. It was the general feeling of bureau management and the employee representatives that the visit was very worthwhile.

2. [ ] a Hindi/Urdu monitor recruit from New Delhi, India, entered on duty 28 June, thus filling the vacancy created earlier in the year by the medical disability retirement of [ ] and his wife departed Bangkok on 5 June for their retirement home in Honolulu.

3. Editor [ ] became proud parents for the second time with the birth of their daughter [ ] on 8 June. The happy occasion was dampened somewhat with the subsequent hospitalization of the baby and the father with bronchial problems. Fortunately, both are on the road to full recovery as this is written.

4. Deputy chief [ ] also was hospitalized during the month for the final phase of surgery and treatment for a minor but long-troubling ailment. Following a week of recuperation at home, [ ] returned to duty on the 29th.

5. The first two of four 1981 redocumentation and end-of-tour trips by the bureau's Vietnamese employees began with the departure of [ ] and family on 12 June and of [ ] and family on 19 June.

6. The bureau was delighted to hear during the month that bureau administrative officer [ ] had been selected for this year's Foreign National Orientation Program, scheduled for September. As the month ended, [ ] was busily involved in obtaining passport and visas for his trip. In addition to the benefits of the program itself, the trip will be quite an experience for [ ] who has never traveled outside his country nor been in an airplane.

### III. VISITS

#### A. To the Bureau:

1. Operations Group Special Assistant [ ] and PMCD officer [ ] 17-19 June (see Personnel).

2. FBIS/B&F Chief [ ], 22-24 June.

3. Ex-London Bureau monitor and associate editor [ ] [ ] 25 June, while on private travel to Southeast Asia.

4. [ ] deputy chief, 29 June, while on a personal visit to Bangkok.

5. [ ] Okinawa deputy chief, 29-30 June, en route to Australia on a recruiting trip and PCS Washington.

B. From the Bureau:

Assistant bureau engineer [redacted] visited Okinawa Bureau on TDY 22-24 June for familiarization and orientation. The visit focused on Okinawa's ROSET satellite monitoring system to provide [redacted] with general information in preparation of the future installation of a similar system at Bangkok. En route home, [redacted] spent a useful day at [redacted] Bureau on the 26th.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau, FBIS

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Attachments:

- Engineering
- Production Report
- Production Report by Language, Country & Source
- Embassy Circuit Outage Report

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